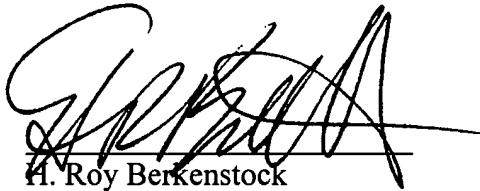


REMARKS

Claims 1 through 24 have been cancelled. Claims 25 through 48 have been added. No new matter has been added to the pending application.

It is believed that the application is in condition for examination and that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such disposition is hereby requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Roy Berkenstock', written over a horizontal line.

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